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COUNTRY Eastern Germany
TOPIC Military Information from the Altengrabow Training Area

EVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED
DATE OF CONTENT 18 to 25 September 1952 25X1
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REMARKS Summary of the report 25X1
was previously reported

1. A railroadman stated that three trains were loaded with heavy artillery pieces for shipment toward Loburg at the Altengrabow railroad station during the night of 18 September 1952. Other loadings included 10 x 152-mm field howitzers, 11 trucks, 1 kitchen truck, and troops on 6 boxcars at 10 a.m. on 18 September; and a troop train in Loburg at 2 p.m. on 18 September. A train carrying 12 x 152-mm field howitzers, 12 prime movers, 1 kitchen truck, and 6 boxcars with troops, and another train with 10 x 152-mm field howitzers, 10 trucks and 5 boxcars with troops went from Altengrabow to Biederitz. At noon on 19 September, another train was seen en route from Altengrabow to Biederitz. It carried 10 x 152-mm field howitzers, 10 prime movers, 1 kitchen truck and 5 boxcars with troops. A second train from Altengrabow to Biederitz at 6:15 p.m., carried 12 x 152-mm howitzers, 12 prime movers, 1 kitchen truck and 5 boxcars with troops.

No shipments were noticed going to or coming from Altengrabow after 22 September.

2. On 25 September, the troop quarters at Altengrabow were only lightly occupied. Little traffic was noticed. The troops previously stationed there were allegedly loaded for shipment by rail or had left by road in a southerly direction between 18 and 24 September 1952. *

Comment. The shipments from Altengrabow which are believed to belong to the IV Arty Corps and to be among the 9 shipments that departed on 18 and 19 September 1952 are almost definitely believed to be in conjunction with field exercises which, since about 23 September, have been held in the Rathenow-Nennhausen-Vieritz area by units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army and in the area of the northern part of Letzling Heath, Rathenow-Bavelberg, by units of the Third Shock Army.

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